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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 64, FEBRUARY 4, 1976
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1. MIRV DEFINITION (ART. II.5). SESSION CONCENTRATED ON INFORMAL EXPLORATION OF FORMULATIONS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON MIRV DEFINITION. US EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS TRYING TO DEFINE A MIRV SYSTEM WHICH CONTAINED TWO ESSENTIAL PARTS: A DISPENSING MECHANISM, TOGETHER WITH ITS RVS. THE MECHANISM IS WHAT ACCOMPLISHES THE INDEPENDENT TARGETING; HOWEVER, TO AVOID A TAUTOLOGY THE US SOUGHT TO DEFINE SUCH TARGETING BY REFERENCE TO THE LACK OF A PARTICULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOCATION OF TARGETS. THE SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUCH A DISPENSING MECHANISM AND THE TERMS USED IN THEIR OWN DEFINITION: DEVICES INSTALLED IN THE FRONT END (IN A SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISM) OR ON THE REENTRY VEHICLES USED FOR MANEUVERING AND TARGETING. THE US RESPONDED THAT THE DEVICE IN QUESTION WAS ONE WHICH COULD DIRECT RVS, WHEREVER SUCH DEVICE WERE IN FACT LOCATED. THE SOVIETS ALSO ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING HOW THE LOCATIONS OF MIRV TARGETS RELATED TO EACH OTHER. THE US EXPLAINED

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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DEPENDENT MRV RELATIONSHIP VERSUS

THE CHOICE POSSIBLE WITH MIRVS.

2. SCC FUNCTIONS (XVII.2). SOVIETS PRESSED FOR US RESPONSE TO THEIR PROPOSED REVISED SUBPARAS DEALING WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION BY WAY OF RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES AND WITH GIVING SCC A MANDATE FOR PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF ARMAMENTS FROM THE AGREEMENT'S LIMITATIONS. THEY STATED US PROPOSALS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION, INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CASE-BY-CASE VERIFICATION OF NEW SYSTEMS WENT BEYOND PROVISIONS DEALING WITH VERIFICATION BY NTM. AMBIGUITIES COULD BE RAISED IN THE SCC. JOHNSON

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